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MAR 5 1969

Miss Diane Wolkstein
49 Greenwich Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Miss Wolkstein:

President Nixon has asked that we reply to your letter of January 25, 1969. Please excuse our delay in responding.

You can understand that it is not possible for the President personally to answer all correspondence addressed to him. He wants you to know, however, that he appreciates your taking the time to write him about your views which have been noted.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

Ethel A. Ollivierre

By:
ETHEL A. OLLIVIERRE
Attorney
Western Section

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March 5, 1969

The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs,

I am shocked and appalled that you are permitting in the court of California insults, threats and hate statements against Zionists, who are desirous only of a home for the Jews - which was after all legally instituted by U.N. in 1948.

I am also shocked and appalled that you are permitting in California court insults, threats and hate statements against Israel, thereby impeding this

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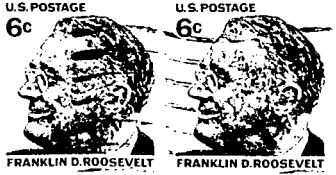
country's chances for Middle East peace.

Sirhan is not the only one who has suffered from a war, yet most people never kill unrelated persons. To probe Sirhan mentally ill, it is wrong to accuse Israel, and it is also dangerous to inflame local Arabs. To use Arab hatred against Israel, is not justice, and never will be -

L. S.
Regina Tandy



The White House
Washington, D.C.

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APR 8 1969

Mrs. Margaret H. Burgoyne
Box 62
Dorset, Vermont 05251

Dear Mrs. Burgoyne:

This is in reply to your letter of February 20, 1969. We apologize for our delay in responding.

Since the trial of Sirhan Sirhan is currently in progress, it would not be appropriate for this Department to comment on the case. If you have any additional comments or questions, you may wish to forward them to the Los Angeles County officials who are handling the proceedings.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:
ETHEL A. OLLIVIERRE
Attorney
Western Section

cc: Records
Chrono
Corres. Unit
Ollivierre

Box 62
Dorset, Vt. 05251

February 20, 1969

Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I think the above is a misnomer. Is there not some way we can stop this circus about Sirhan Sirhan? He is guilty and should either be put to death or sent back where he came from. Neither he, nor his family are U.S. citizens. Why are we using the taxpayers money to put on this ridiculous performance.

There isn't another country in the world that would tolerate all this nonsense. They would either execute the person or send them back and not fool around with all this waste of money and time.

The evidence I heard this morning on the TV is ridiculous too. The attorney claims Sirhan was in a trance and achieved peace through the shooting. Isn't that great!

Yours very truly
Margaret H. Burgoyne
Margaret H.Burgoyne (Mrs.R.F.)

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Dorset, Vt. 05251

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MAY 20 1969

Miss Carmen Bettencourt
Post Office Box 3444
Fremont, California 94538

Dear Miss Bettencourt:

President Nixon has referred to this Department your recent correspondence concerning Sirhan Sirhan. Please excuse our delay in responding.

You can understand that it is not possible for the President personally to answer all correspondence addressed to him. He wants you to know, however, that he appreciates your taking the time to write.

Please be advised that it would be inappropriate for the Department of Justice to comment on the status of the case since it is currently on appeal.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

ETHEL A. OLLIVIERRE
Attorney
Western Section

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Carmen Bettencourt
P.O.Box 3444
Fremont,Calif. 94538
February 17,1969

President Nixon
White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr.Nixon,

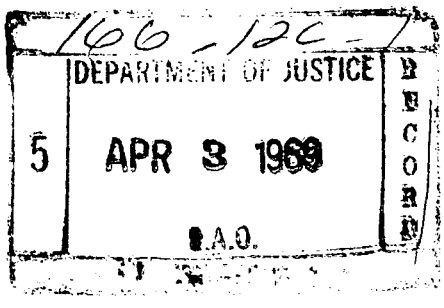
I am Carmen Bettencourt of Saint Joseph's School.

I would like to know your opinion about the Sirhan trial. Do you feel that the people that are in the jury is qualified?What are they doing to decide if the people are qualified? What do you think we should do as citizens of the United States as well as well as Christen members?

Thank you for your time and patience.

Yours sincerely,

Carmen Bettencourt



President Richard M Nixon
White House
Washington D C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

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TRANSLATOR'S SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION T-117/R-xxx11

Language: Spanish

Date of Communication: February 15, 1969

Addressed to: Department of Justice

Name and address of writer: Mr. Javier Salinas
Barcelona, Spain

Substance of writer's statement:

The writer asks what can be gained in the defense of the assassin of Robert F. Kennedy, since he was caught with weapon in hand. He says the assassin should be hanged, because he who kills should die.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Barcelona, 15 de Febrero de 1.969

Al Excelentisimo Senor
Ministro de Justicia de los E.U.A.
Washington

Excomo Senor,

No debe haber clemencia para el asesino de Robert Kannedy. La justicia no debe ser mas que una , la de la razon , la equidad y la legalidad. No comprendemos porque esta costando tato dinero al Tesoro Nacional este asunto , prolongado hasta no poder mas., manteniendolo por tanto tiempo, cuando en el mismo instante de cometer su designio habia que liquidarlo inmediatamente.

Para que esos gastos de abogados de la defensa a cargo del Estado ? Que es lo que tienen que defender ?y que argumentos pdrian inventar para alargar el proceso y ganar mas dànero ? Esta causa esta perdida antes de empezar el Juicio.... Lo que se ve es dar tiempo al tiempo para preparar su absolucion, o declararle inocente. Esta es la Democracia Americana ? Donde esta la justicia ni la Ley ?

Este asesino ha matado y se la cogido con las armas en la mano por el Gurda espaldas de Robert disparando contra su victima. No debe haber mas juicio para el que el de la horca para castigar a otros con el

No tenemos tambien porque saber porque ha matado ? y cuales eran los miviles que le han inducido a cometer este barbaro asesinato de un inocente, y un pilar de la Nacion Americana. El que mata debe morir sean cuales fueren los atenuantes que la defensa pudiera presentar en su di dia. O es que que se pretende ignorar los dogmas de la razon y la Justicia

No Senor/ La sangre de Robert y su memoria claman al cielo para exigir venganza por su muerte y se haga caer sobre el indudable culpable el rigor de la Ley. No lo dudamos, y asi lo esperamos que se cumpla para orgullo y honor de la Nacion Americana en el Mundo entero.

Muy respetuosamente le saluda hombre amante dela Ley y del derecho sagrado de las gentes.

Javier Jaimes

Excelentiso Senor

Ministro de Justicia de los

Estados Unidos de America

W A S H I N G T O N

E.U.A.

The whole world saw
Sirhan murder Robert
Kennedy! Why, in the name
of God don't they stop
delaying + postponing! This
delay of justice in convicting
a proved criminal with Sen Robert
Kennedy + our government is defending
the murderer! Why? Why? Why?

Gerri Madden
Honolulu H.I.

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The Attorney General
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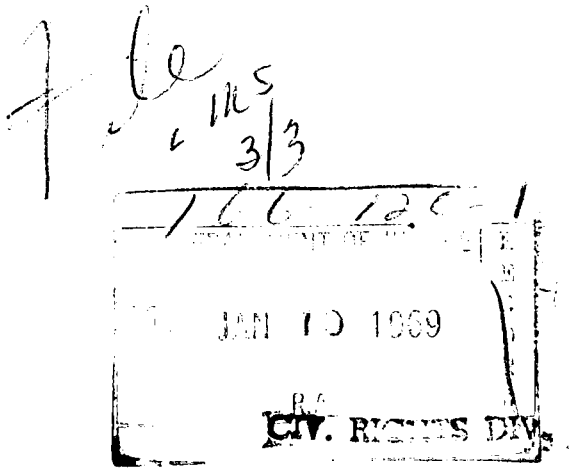

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APR 2 1969

Miss Patricia Helene Massy
Noboruso
Saka-no-shita 9
Kamakura
Japan 248

Dear Miss Massy:

President Nixon has referred to this Department your letter of February 28, 1969, concerning Sirhan Sirhan. We apologize for our delay in responding.

Since the trial is currently in progress, it would be inappropriate at this time for the Department of Justice to comment on the case. If you have any additional remarks or questions, you may wish to direct them to the Los Angeles County officials who are handling the proceedings.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

ETHEL A. OLLIVIERRE
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Noboruso
Saka-no-shita 9
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Japan 248
February 28, 1969

MAR 3 1969

The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.
U.S.A.

Sir:

America is the land of justice. So we are taught in school and so it is written on almost every state or federal building. It is broadcast on Voice of America, and the public trials of Sirhan Sirhan and Earl Ray make a comedy out of the efforts to give these murderers fair and unbiased hearings. Yet when a clique of corrupt lawyers are charged by an ordinary citizen of gross negligence and breach of trust, those same upholders of America's justice can turn the trial into a kangaroo court without fear of exposure or punishment. And when that citizen pleas for his Constitutional right of a fair trial to the state governor, the governor turns his back: "It is beyond my jurisdiction," he blandly replies. What are we to believe? Is justice endowed to only those in the public eye or those who can buy it? Of course there will always be cases of men taking advantage of others, but will the government simply shelter them, providing a haven for the unjust rather than for the just? Within whose jurisdiction does it lie to clean America of corruption?

The lawyers mentioned above control not only a whole city, but also spread their power over the entire state, so that it seems impossible for even the governor to dare break their clique. Therefore, they can manipulate the law to suit their callous ambitions, irregardless of the lives of those involved. In effect, then, they are legal murderers and legal thieves who can carry on their activities under the protection of the government. Mr. President, I can give you the case which exposes the entire scandal, a case which conclusively proves them guilty of gross negligence, undue influence, breach of trust, collusion, fraud, and perjury. By breaking their power, innocent people throughout the state can be safeguarded, and the example will be set to other such men that justice cannot be denied to the people of the United States.

Or will you also turn your back? No, I believe you are truly a sincere man whose interests lie in helping the American people, in setting aright the crumbling judicial system, in restoring the original ideals of justice and equality to America--in other words, a man with the courage to do what he knows is right, no matter what the personal risks. I beg you to act, for there is no one but you with the power to do so.

Very truly yours,

Patricia Helene Massy

Patricia Helene Massy

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Mr. J. Edward Wagner
400 Evansburg Road
Collegeville, Pennsylvania 19426

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Your telegram to the Attorney General regarding the Sirhan case has been forwarded to this office for reply.

Since the prosecution of the Sirhan case is being handled by the local law enforcement authorities in California, it would not be appropriate for the Federal Government to comment about the case in any way at this time.

Sincerely,

WILL WILSON
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

By:
Harold D. Koffsky, Chief
Legislation & Special Projects Section

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Mr. Epstein
Mr. Koffsky
Mr. Lynch
Mr. Wilson

~~Bill Lynch~~

Bill Lynch

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JOHN N MITCHELL ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHDC

WE DEMAND OUTLINE THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF U S AS A HOSTILE SOCIETY BENT ON VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF OUR COUNTRY AND ASSASINATION FOR ITS LEADERS. THIS BEING CLEARLY SHOWN BY THE UPI PRESS RELEASE OF EXCERPTS OF THE DIARY OF SIRHAN SIRHAN AND THE PARTY WERE NOT ONLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF ROBERT KENNEDY BUT ALSO OF PRESIDENT JFK. THE PARTY HAS SO INFLUENCED THE MINDS OF THIS YOUNG MAN (SIRHAN) THAT HE DID THEIR EVIL BIDDING AND COMMITTED THE UNGODLY ACT. THE MAJORITY OF THE GOOD PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES CONSIDER THE COMMUNIST PARTY AS A CANCER WHICH WILL DEVOUR ITS HOST. THE TIE IS INSIGNIFICANT 10 YEARS OR 20, THE EVIL THEY BREED MULTIPLIES WITH EACH NEW GENERATION.

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CRIMINAL-GEN. CRIME SECT. INTERNAL SECURITY DIV.
Civil Section

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I MUST ASK YOU IN WHAT MANNER YOU INTEND O DEAL WITVH THE STATEMENTS OF SIRHAN'S DIARY. I BELIEVE THE COMMUNIST PARTY AS WELL AS SIRHAN SHOULD BE FORMALLY CHARGED WITH THE SLAYING OF ROBERT KENNEDY AS IT WAS AS IF THEY PULLED THE TRIGGER. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON THIS MATTER. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ALLOW THE PARTY TO CONTINUE TO CORRUPT THE MINDS OF YOUTH, AND THE UN-INFORMED UNDER THE DISGUISE OF FREEDOM OF SPEECH

J EDWARD WAGNER 400 EVANSBURG RD COLLEGEVILLE PENN.

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MAR 12 1969

Mr. Monroe O. Moen
275 Estates Street
Livermore, California

Dear Mr. Moen:

Your letter of February 26, 1969 has been directed to me.

I am sure you can appreciate that it would be most inappropriate for a Federal agency to offer comment on circumstances relating to a matter which is currently being developed in the criminal courts of a state.

Sincerely,

HAROLD D. KOFFSKY
Chief, Legislation and Special
Projects Section
Criminal Division

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MEMORANDUM

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Correspondence Unit

26 February 1969

Office of Public Information
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C

Gentlemen:

On 3 February 1969, Metromedia News in Washington reported as follows:

> "Federal agents investigating the murder of Senator Robert Kennedy have uncovered some evidence which hints at conspiracy...
>
> When the accused assassin, Sirhan Sirhan, was apprehended, police discovered that keys in his pocket fit a car parked a block from the hotel... The car belonged to a kitchen worker at the hotel at which Kennedy was shot... Reliable sources also report that the Secret Service had a file on this kitchen worker, and had it been the president who was in the hotel, the Secret Service would have detained the man before the President ever came to town. While the Secret Service had no file on Sirhan Sirhan before the Kennedy murder...they did apparently consider this kitchen worker in question at least a threat to presidents."

I would like to know what investigations were conducted by federal agents, and what reports of that work are available.

Sincerely

Monroe O. Moen

Monroe O. Moen
275 Estates St.
Livermore, California
94550

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Monroe O. Moen
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Files

DATE: February 26, 1969
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FROM : Michael T. Epstein
Staff Assistant
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Assassination of
Senator Robert F. Kennedy
on June 5, 1968

This afternoon I briefed Mr. Leonard Meeker, Legal Adviser, Department of State, and two members of his staff on the contents of the Deputy Attorney General's February 25, 1969 memorandum to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the above matter.

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BY TJ
On MAR 5 1969

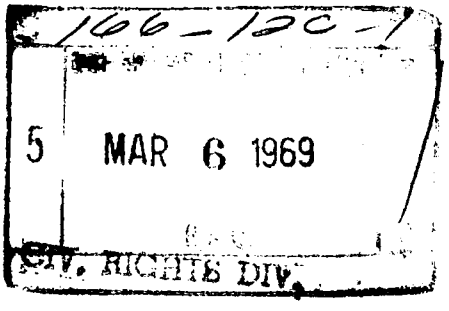
537 Eighth St.
Menasha, Wisc.
February 22, 1969

President Richard M. Nixon
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

I understand that Sirhan Sirhan, if found guilty, may receive the death penalty. I object to such a punishment which should have gone out when Jesus Christ came. Please do something!

Sincerely,
Ronald Schwalbach



Ronald Schallock
537 9th St.
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PRAY
FOR
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President Richard Nixon
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

3289 GRANVILLE AVE.
LOS ANGELES CALIF.
90066

FEBRUARY 20, 1969

Dear Mr. President,

I think more should be done about the Sirhan trial. If he says he didn't know what was happening then why didn't he shoot someone else. There were so many people how come he didn't shoot one hundred people.

More should be done at the peace talks. Every time one side has a truce. The other side starts fighting.

Sincerely Yours,
Steve Chapman

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Steven Chapman
3289 Granville Ave
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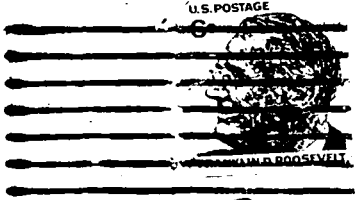

President Richard Nixon
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D. C.

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FEB 24 1969

Mrs. R. Leigh Tillis
530-35 Avenue N
St. Petersburg, Florida 33704

Dear Mrs. Tillis:

This is in reply to your postcard of January 9, 1969. Please excuse our delay in responding.

Your comments, criticisms, and concern for the delays in the judicial system are shared by many. The matter is presently the subject of much legislative debate, in both the United States Congress and various state legislatures. Certain court reforms are needed and are being sought through bills currently being introduced in an effort to alleviate these conditions.

I am enclosing for your information a copy of the Attorney General's address before the National Council on Crime and Delinquency.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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Western Section

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St Petersburg, Fla

Dear Mr Clark,

Please tell me, why, do we the People, have to pay for an expensive trial for Sirhan when so many eye witnesses were present, also TV film? Seems rather absurd to me - there is no question of guilt in this case.

Why can't laws be up-dated to cope with the Crime - ridden world we live in? Why the long wait for dispensation of crimes while the criminal lives it up for free at expense of Tax payers?

530-35 Ave. N.

Mrs. R. Leigh Tillis

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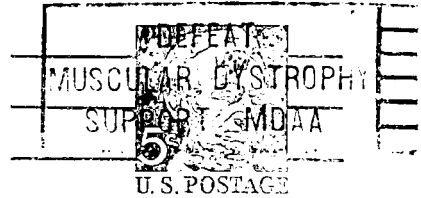

Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark

Washington, D.C.

T. 3/17/69

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APR 2 1969

Mrs. Edythe Armstrong
685 University Avenue, West
Windsor, Ontario

Dear Mrs. Armstrong:

This is in reply to your letter of Feburary 19, 1969. We apologize for our delay in responding.

Since the trial of Sirhan Sirhan is currently in progress, it would be inappropriate at this time for the Department of Justice to comment on the case. If you have any additional remarks or questions, you may wish to direct them to the Los Angeles County officials who are handling the proceedings.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

ETHEL A. OLLIVIERRE
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Ollivierre

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5 FEB 24 1969

CIV. RIGHTS DIV.

Dear Sirs:-

Here I am living in Canada, a U.S. citizen. Just too scared to live in Detroit. I was a night telephone operator, too scared to go to work, scared to come home, scared to go to sleep. My two very good friends, one is a retired lady living alone, afraid to step out of her apt to eat at buses, another assistant at one of our big hospitals Sinai, And a third I nearly forgot a widow who also lives alone in an apt. She saw a murder committed outside her bed room window, in the parking lot. They are all making preparations to move over to Canada when it is safe. A fourth lady who is afraid to go out on her porch to get the evening newspaper.

There are a few living here who would like to live in their own country, but are afraid.

Well I have seen day after day news on the T.V about Sirhan Sirhan who shot Sen. Kennedy, and they don't think he was in his right mind. But he had mind enough to go for target practice on a rifle range

to practice before hand. How many people does she have to kill, to prove they are no good. Too bad there wasn't another Mr Ruby to put him in his place, soon after it happened. The tax payers really have to pay to keep such a person, and for how many more years. Those Arabs are pretty good fakers. Just like the Cubans, brought over by car loads, boat loads, built homes, schools, churches, for them found jobs for them in Florida. They made a mess of their own country, now they are here, now we have trouble, riots, beatings, stealings, burnings that's all they know. But our own down south, are starving, no doctors, no food, no clothing.

There's only one way to clear this up. anyone, who does not want to obey the law, send them back. Africa, Arabia, Russia. Clean this country up. So we can go back to our country, where we belong.

Why not send Sirhan to the front lines, we need crack shots there. Not here.

Yours very truly.

Mrs. Edythe Armstrong.
685 University Ave. West.
Windsor 12, Ontario.

P. S.

Also have a solution to end wars for all times. You don't know, doesn't take a professor only half a brain.

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Dept of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Mrs. E. Armstrong apt #9.
685 University Ave., West.
Windsor, 12.
Ontario.

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Feb. 14, 1969

Dear Mr. Nixon

I never didn't never cause Bobby Kennedy to get hurt and die. I never saw Bobby Kennedy. I never didn't kill Bobby Kennedy. I didn't cause [redacted] Bobby Kennedy [redacted] hurt. I didn't cause Bobby Kennedy to die. I wrote you bad letters first time. I [redacted] told you lies in first letter I wrote to you. This letter is truth. I want you truth in this 2nd letter. This is Vivian Geraldine Rogers. I want you Truth in this 2nd letter.

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Vivian Geraldine Rogers

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AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

Vivian Geraldine Rogers
501 north Main
Benton, Arkansas
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APR 8 1969

Mrs. Evelyn McSparran
5840 Alonzo Avenue
Encino, California 91316

Dear Mrs. McSparran:

President Nixon has referred to this Department your letter postmarked February 11, 1969, concerning Sirhan Sirhan. We apologize for our delay in responding.

Since the trial is currently in progress, it would be inappropriate at this time for the Department of Justice to comment on the case. If you have any additional remarks or questions, you may wish to direct them to the Los Angeles County officials who are handling the proceedings.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

EAO 4/7/69

By:

ETHEL A. OLLIVIERRE
Attorney
Western Section

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Evelyn Mc Sparran
5840 Alonzo Avenue
Encino, California
91316

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President Of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am most concerned with the taxes it is costing the California tax payers in the Sirhan Sirhan case of which you are aware of in the assination of Senator Kennedy. They say this conviction will be in court three months. WHY? He has admitted his guilt, and was caught in the act. Why do we law abideing citzens have to pay for this? Our taxes is so high now in the San Fernando Valley that we just can't afford to live in the house we bought for 13,000 9 years ago. My Husband served in World War LL and we have been since 1947 trying to own a home. Can't something please be done? We are past 50 years old now and would like to have a home in our later years instead of a room or rest home. I do thank you for takeing the time for my complaint.

Yours, truly

Mrs. Evelyn McSparran

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The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
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The White House
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APR 8 1969

Miss Phyllis Souza
41903 Corte Santa Barbara
Fremont, California 94538

Dear Miss Souza:

President Nixon has referred your letter of February 17, 1969, to this Department. We apologize for this delay in responding.

You can understand that it is not possible for the President personally to answer all correspondence addressed to him. He wants you to know, however, that he appreciates your taking the time to write.

Since the trial is presently being argued, however, it would be inappropriate for us to comment on the case at this time. Moreover, since the matter is being handled by the State of California, may we suggest that you contact the Los Angeles County officials if you have any further comments or questions.

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4/7/69

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By: ETHEL A. OLLIVIERRE
Attorney
Western Section

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41903 Corte Santa Barbc
Fremont, California 945[illegible]
Febuary 17 - 1969

President Richard Nixon
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing this letter to ask your opinion on one matter occuring in these busy days of our world today. I wanted to know what you think of Sirhan Sirhan and his trial. Do you think this fair? Do you think the trial is being post poned to often? Do you think Sirhan will be tried and convicted guilty of 1st degree murder from shooting Senator Robert Kennedy in June '68?

I am puzzled about Sirhan and his trial because your opinion usually isn't printed in the newspaper about this incident. I would appreciate it if you would write back, telling me your opinion on this confusing matter.

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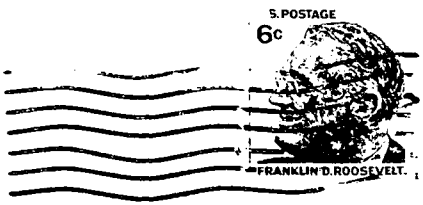
Thank-you
Sincerely Yours,
Phyllis Souza



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APR 8 1969

Miss Pauline McGlone
Route 2
Rivesville, West Virginia 26588

Dear Miss McGlone:

President Nixon has referred to this Department your letter postmarked February 7, 1969, concerning Sirhan Sirhan. We apologize for our delay in responding.

Since the trial is currently in progress, it would be inappropriate at this time for the Department of Justice to comment on the case. If you have any additional remarks or questions, you may wish to direct them to the Los Angeles County officials who are handling the proceedings.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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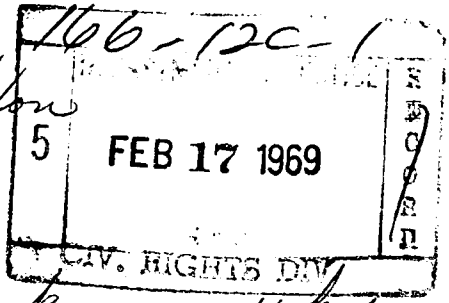


President Richard Nixon

Mr Nixon

I would like to know why some things are allowed to go on in our United States.
Not to bother you to much I would like for you to Ans - my letter just to let me know you recieved it. And to know you care about the people of this U.S.
A person read the the awful things and happenings that is going on that it makes you wonder and worry. I will name only a few. And they may not seem like much to you but there is other things to read and think besides the Vietnam war. ect. -
Two great Men were killed John And Robert Kennedy. Robets Killer is now on trial and I read where

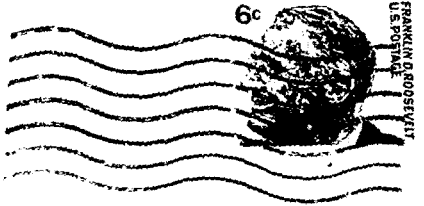
he wont get the death sentence
when thousands of people seen
him shot. When just today I
read in the papers a 13 year old
boy shot his playmate over a cig-
And it stated he will get the death
penalty if found guilty — In Fla.
Why is this trial so short lived
And Robert Kennedys just goes on &
on. So people can have something
to read. And also making it hard
on his Widow And Children.
Another Question not related to
the one above
I live in W. Va. And the Bars
are allowed to sell Liquor after 12
But a shoe store was shut down
on Sundays. The Only time a
family has for shopping together
I dont agree with either one
staying open. Because Sundays
a day to worship. But to leave

a bunch of Bars open for parents to set a drink. Gods knows what happens after they get in the Car to go home. It looks like. Beer is ok on Sunday But shots are illegal. They say that employment is up. My Husband has tried to get work at diffuant Plans. The state Rd here in Fairmont. But they wont hire him. They ask you if your a Democrat or Republican. And you better say the right one. Then they hire men that work half the time they Call in from being drunk. or they wont hire you unless your been recently discharged from service What is a Man supose to do to support his family when there all people like that get jobs and wont let you work for a living. Maybe

these things seems small to you. But to me they not. I could go on but I wont waste your time. stay and answer my letter if you have time and explain it. Thank you

Sincerely

Pauline McClure
Route 2
Pineville. Wva.
26588



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staff.

I had written to your predecessor asking if Oswald or his father had been employes of City Bank of New York.

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BY
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Tuesday, January, 1969

The Attorney General;

I have written you to ask if you have recieved my letter asking for information about banking account numbers sent by me to Attorney General Kennedy after I had been attacked by the Sirhan family group in New York. Bishar Sirhan had suffered a cut eyebrow when he fell against a resterant table. The Sirhans had tried to obtain a suitcase that contained bank books seen by the hotel New Yorker staff.

I had written to your predecessor asking if Oswald or his father had been employies of City Bank of New York.

The Oswalds had been involved in narcotics in Staten Island, New York. The elder Sirhan had been a seamen that delivered narcotics from the Mediterain area to Panama a good many years ago. During the last war he shot agent Hill in Macy's dept. store. I was a member of the French-United States Intelligence staff, (Fusi).

I participated in the Piederson-Green-glass case. See Senator McClellan. Sec. of the Navy Forrestall was murdered I believe,

Will you write to 25-19 83rd Street Jackson Heights, Queens, c/o McGuire, Marge
c/o Louis Capot
use this name please → Joseph Smith

Mrs. Smith
c/o McQuire, Marye
25-19 83rd Street
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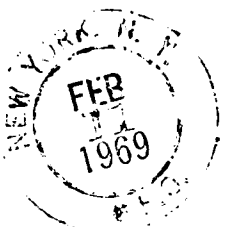
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Mr. B. Pat Conaway
10 Wendell Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

Dear Mr. Conaway:

President Nixon has referred to this Department your letter of February 13, 1969. We apologize for our delay in responding.

You can understand that it is not possible for the President personally to answer all correspondence addressed to him. He wants you to know, however, that he appreciates your taking the time to write him about your views which have been carefully noted.

Since the trial is currently in progress it would be inappropriate at this time for the Department of Justice to comment on the case. You may however, wish to address any further thoughts to the Los Angeles County officials who are handling the proceedings.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

EHTEL A. OLLIVIERRE
Attorney
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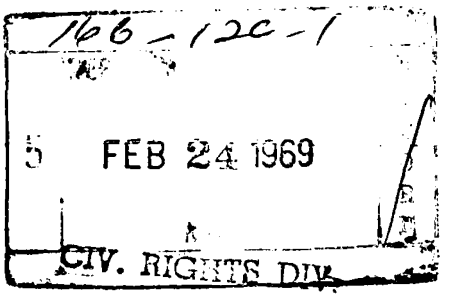

Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States
Washington, D.C.,

Dear Mr. President,

I want to ask of you that you intervene and appeal on the basis of mercy and reason that the accussed assassins of Martin Luther King and Robert F. Kennedy be helped and pitied rather than punished. The old custom of Blood for Blood made cleaner and more "respectable" by modern techniques of execution must surely be renounced and discarded. We live in an age when sick, unhappy people can be cured. Tell me, what possible justice is served by increasing the suffering of humanity through prison sentences and executions. By what right do we, who are fallible in many respects, condemn others to die and suffer? Can this ever bring an end to the senseless violence and slaughter of human

beings around the world?

I realize that you are not a member of the jury, nor are you in any way directly connected with these trials. But as the chief of state, as the leader of two hundred million people, could you not raise certain questions which were raised by Christ nearly two thousand years ago:

"Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy." Matthew 5:7

"Ye have heard that it hath been said, an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil, but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." Matthew 5: 38, 39

"Judge not, that ye be not judged." Matthew 7: 1

Hopefully these ideas have not gone out of fashion, although I fear they have. Are we ashamed or afraid to raise them? Why, why in the world, should we hesitate to enunciate clearly what can save us from the hatred, violence, and suffering which plagues mankind? The people of this earth would be forever grateful to you for taking a stand for mercy and forgiveness.

Sincerely,

Pat Conaway

B. Pat Conaway
10 Wendell Street
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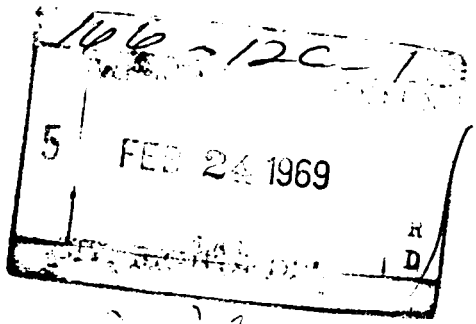

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L. G. Hitchcock

Justice

Marshall, Tex.
Feb. 13, 1969

Pres. R. M. Nixon,

There are a couple of Questions I would like for you to answer for me. For one why is it when a White kills someone you all don't do anything about it he is always insane or just not anything at all if a Negro would have killed one of those he would have had the gas Chamber or electric Chair so long ago it just would have a big write up in the Papers and gone down in history also making no money is no excuse for Sirhan at all he is the first family from over Seas that the united States haven't taken care of so why make excuse for him he'll Probably change name like they did Jack Ruby Pretending he is dead and is not I can't understand you People and let you all tell it you all suppose to have the most since do you you all say but I would like to know to understand what I sure wish you could talk about this letter in a talk of yours on TV.

Thanks Mrs. L. G. Mitchell

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Pres. Richard M. Nixon
C/o of The White House
Washington, D. C.

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APR 2 1969

Mr. Huron W. Virden, Jr.
685 Argonne Avenue, Northeast
Apartment 10
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Dear Mr. Virden:

This is in reply to your letters of February 12, 1969, addressed to the President and the Attorney General. We apologize for our delay in responding.

Since the trial of Sirhan Sirhan is currently in progress, it would be inappropriate for this Department to comment on the case. If you have additional questions or remarks regarding the matter, may we suggest that you contact the Los Angeles County officials who are handling the proceedings.

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Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

ETHEL A. OLLIVIERRE
Attorney
Western Section

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685 Argonne Ave., N.E., # 10
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

February 12, 1969

Attorney General John N. Mitchell
The Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Attorney General Mitchell:

Permit me to congradulate you on your appointment to the President's Cabinet. In attending to your great responsibilities, may you find much strength and joy.

Of immediate concern are the intimations that the prosecution and counsel for defense for Sirhan Sirhan may reach an understanding that if the defendent insists on pleading not guilty, then he may be found mentally incompetent to stand trial.

I think that of the few matters for which it is desirable to retain the death penalty, political assasination is one. If a defendent chooses to stand trial, is found guilty, and is sentenced to death, an appropriate granting of clemency is possible and desirable. Is this not better than that the United States of America should temper Justice with Deception?

Very truly yours,

Huron W. Virden, Jr.

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H. W. Virden, Jr.
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Atlanta, Georgia 30308

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The Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20510

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Atlanta, Georgia 30308

February 12, 1969

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The White House
Washington, D. C.

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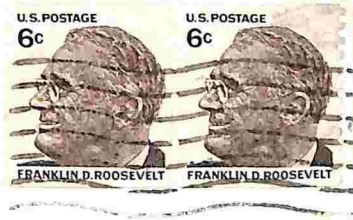

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President Richard M. Nixon
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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APR 2 1969

Mrs. Joseph Dudek
62 Gorham Avenue
Stoneham, Massachusetts 02180

Dear Mrs. Dudek:

President Nixon has referred to this Department your letter of February 12, 1969, concerning Sirhan Sirhan. We apologize for our delay in responding.

Since the trial is currently in progress, it would be inappropriate at this time for the Department of Justice to comment on the case. If you have any additional remarks or questions, you may wish to direct them to the Los Angeles County officials who are handling the proceedings.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

ETHEL A. OLLIVIERRE
Attorney
Western Section

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Dear President Nixon:

First I must say, our prayers are for you and your family for the next four years.

Secondly, being the just and peaceful man you appear to be, I hope you will see that justice is done

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in regards to Robert Kennedy's murderer.
(Sirhan B. Sirhan)

It is an insult to the American people that this man should be allowed to dictate his wishes, after such a terrible deed.

This is an open

Invitation to murder
in the part of other
radicals in our society
to have this case
prolonged month after
month.

If this act was
committed in Europe or
elsewhere, it would
have been justified
in a very brief time.

I do sincerely hope that you will do all in your power to see that this man gets the death penalty which he deserves. Nothing less is justice.

Gratefully.

Mrs. Joseph Dudek

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The President
The White House
Pennsylvania Ave
Washington D. C.

Joseph Dudek

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APR 8 1969

Miss Caroline Thompson
Rural Delivery #1, Box #243
Sussex, New Jersey 07461

Dear Miss Thompson:

President Nixon has referred to this Department your letter of February 12, 1969. We apologize for our delay in responding.

Since the trial of Sirhan Sirhan is currently in progress, it would be inappropriate for this Department to comment on the trial. If you feel it is appropriate and you wish to forward additional remarks or questions, you may wish to contact the Los Angeles County officials who are handling the proceedings.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

ETHEL A. OLLIVIERRE
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Caroline Thompson
R.D.#1 Box 243
Sussex, N.J. 07461
February 12, 1969

President of United States
Richard M. Nixon
Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear Mr. President:

I'm writing to you because I have a problem which is bothering me, and this is Siran Siran.

He is not an American citizen, though he killed an American Citizen--Robert Kennedy, what right do we have to convict a foreigner to life or even death ? Wouldn't this cause friction between the two countries ?

I'm not trying to say that we shouldn't do anything about it, but shouldn't we stop and think about what his people might do if we give him the chair ?

I would like to know, if possible, if Sirans country would have any say to this since Siran is not an American citizen.

Thank- you.

Sincerely,

Caroline Thompson

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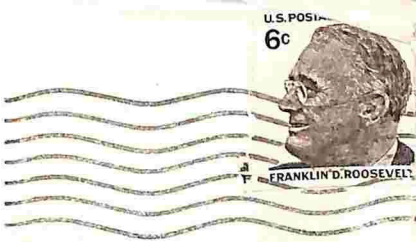

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Richard M. Nixon

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300 MOUNTAIN GAP ROAD
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, 35805
12 FEBRUARY 1969

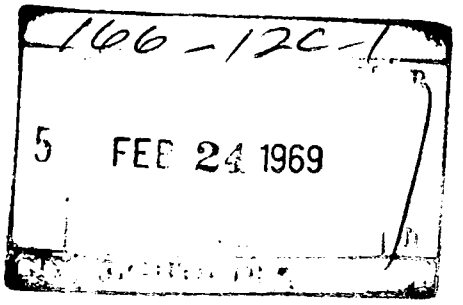
MR. PRESIDENT,

PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR THIS EXTREMELY INFORMAL LETTER, HOWEVER THE URGENCY OF MY COMMENTS REQUIRE IT.

ON THE NEWS TODAY I UNDERSTOOD THE OFFICIALS OF THE COURT IN LOS ANGELES, WHO ARE CONSIDERING THE ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT KENNEDY, HAD APPROACHED WASHINGTON TO DETERMINE THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE VERDICT. IN PARTICULAR, HOW WOULD ISRAEL OR THE U.A.R. REACT TO THE RESULTS OF THE TRIAL.

MY COMMENT IS THAT JUSTICE AND EQUALITY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE LAW, IN ORDER TO BE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL, MUST APPLY TO ALL CITIZENS EQUALLY REGARDLESS OF THEIR BACKGROUND AND SHOULD BE DEVOID OF <u>ANY</u> POLITICAL PRESSURES. IT IS MY HOPE THAT <u>ALL</u> ELEMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT WILL AVOID EXERTING ANY REAL OR IMPLIED INFLUENCE ON THE COURT WHICH COULD EFFECT THE DUE PROCESS AND VERDICT OF THE TRIAL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME MR. PRESIDENT.



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HUNTSVILLE
ALABAMA
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PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
D.C.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Washington, D. C. 20530

March 17, 1969

MEMORANDUM TO ALL EMPLOYEES

SUBJECT: Blood Donor Program

The next scheduled date for blood donations is Monday, March 24, 1969, in the Main Justice Building (Great Hall), beginning at 10:00 a.m., and ending at 4:00 p.m.

Since you are an employee of the Department, which is a member of the Blood Donor Program, you and certain members of your family (spouse, children under 18, parents, parents-in-law, grandparents) are entitled to receive any amount of blood you may require without cost provided the Department has met or is relatively close to meeting its established yearly quota of 700 pints. To receive this service, all you have to do is call the Employee Relations Unit, in the Main Justice Personnel Office, and your needs will be met.

Thus far in this fiscal year, the Department is so far below its donation quota that the Red Cross has informed us that we are in danger of losing our privilege of unlimited coverage for employees and the eligible members of their families. Unless we can come very close to our quota, we will be able to fill blood needs only to the extent of the number of pints donated by our employees. This will prove a great hardship to the many employees who will have need of unlimited coverage. Therefore, we ask you to please volunteer to give blood if you are physically able to do so.

Your blood recruiting officer will contact you within the next few days. If he should miss you, please notify the Employee Relations Unit, Code 187, Extension 3143.

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Mary Smith, Code 128, Ext. 4231

Kenneth J. Stallo
Director of Personnel

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APR 8 1969

Miss Marie Stiller
Post Office Box 497
Lone Pine, California 93545

Dear Miss Stiller:

President Nixon has referred to this Department your letter postmarked January 31, 1969. We apologize for our delay in responding.

Since the trial of Sirhan Sirhan is currently in progress it would be inappropriate for this Department to comment on the case at this time. If you feel it is appropriate you may wish to forward any additional remarks or questions to the Los Angeles County officials who are handling the proceedings.

EAO 4/7/69

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

ETHEL A. OLLIVIERRE
Attorney
Western Section

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Box 497 Lone Pine
Calif. 93545

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FEB 10 1969

Mr. President Nixon

Dear Sir:

I'm not an attorney or law specialist but isn't there some type of restraining orders that could be utilized to prevent the Sirhan attorneys from making a shambles of law and justice.

In effect they are trying the jury system instead of trying Sirhan as a murderer. It seems to me if they wish to make a case against our jury system it should made into an individual case. Right now this pipsqueak murdered Sen. Robt. Kennedy and the trial should be about that. If this Debauch is permitted to proceed then all further murder trials should be outlawed and turn all further trials into Mardi Gras -

Marie Stiller

Box 497.
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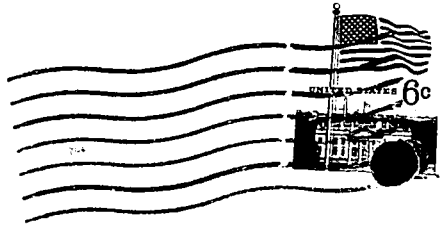

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February 13, 1969

Honorable Bob Mathias
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Mathias:

Reference is made to your correspondence with regard to a letter from one of your constituents, Mrs. Mary Hilderbrand, with respect to the trial of Sirhan Sirhan.

As I advised your secretary, Shari Grover, on the phone today, the trial of Sirhan Sirhan is a matter within the jurisdiction of the State of California and the Department of Justice is not involved. We, therefore, are unable to be of assistance to you in replying to Mrs. Hilderbrand.

Sincerely,

Nancy A. Thompson
Assistant Chief
Legislative and Legal Section

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BOB MATHIAS
18TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA
1008 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
TELEPHONE: 225-3341 (202)

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Washington, D.C. 20515

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VISALIA, CALIFORNIA 93277

February 7, 1969

Mrs. Fishenden
c/o Mr. Herbert E. Hoffman
Chief of Legislation
Department of Justice
Room 4117
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mrs. Fishenden:

My secretary, Shari Grover has informed me of her conversation with you about a letter from one of my constituents regarding the efforts being made to establish that Sirhan Sirhan was insane at the time of the assination of Robert Kennedy.

I am again enclosing a copy of Mrs. Hilderbrand's letter and it would be most appreciated if you would review her letter and inform me of your position in this regard.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Bob Mathias

BOB MATHIAS
U. S. Congressman

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Enclosure

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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November 26, 1968

HONORABLE ROBERT MATHIAS
LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BLDG.
ROOM 1003
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Honorable Sir:

I have a question to ask and would appreciate receiving a direct response from you.

I read in the Bakersfield California, 11/25/68, that Sirhan Sirhan is to be given "chromosome" sanity tests to determine if he has a possible hereditary compulsion toward violence. If he has a "chromosome" count of XYY in lieu of XY he might be considered a "super male" who is predisposed toward violence. My question is, why are they trying so hard to prove this man insane so that he will not be executed for the death of one, Robert F. Kennedy? Instead, put him in a mental institution for 5 to 10 years then be released as a free man. Who is behind all this political idiocy and how much money is involved???

Why wasn't a "chromosome" test given to the killers and rapers of Timothy Luce and Susan Barthomei? One of the accused has been given the death penalty which I believe is only right and just. Was such a test given to one Richard Welch for the killing and rapying of the Jenkins boy and Diane Bradford? What about Richard Speck and the 8 nurses? How many other murderers and rapists etc. down through the years have been given the advantage of a "chromosome test"?

Who and why are they trying so hard to free this man of such a senseless slaying? Why can't he be given a trial like any other human being who has committed a crime? Is it because this is the game of politics? Because he has one Russell Parsons defending him? Because it was a political figure killed - a Kennedy? Wasn't Bobby Kennedy just another ordinary human being with an ordinary daily job? I believe in freedom and justice for all men, but why is justice toyed with so much?

I realize that their is more money involved as far as the attorney representating Sirhan is involved but why does money always have to win out - why can't things be excepted for what they are.

I could go on and on regarding this matter but I won't. Again I would much appreciate your response to my inquiry.

Respectfully,

[redacted]

T. 3-18-69

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APR 8 1969

Mr. Charles Glazar
127 Homewood Road
Wilmington, Delaware 19803

Dear Mr. Glazar:

President Nixon has referred to this Department your letter of February 6, 1969, concerning Sirhan Sirhan. We apologize for our delay in responding.

Since the trial is currently in progress, it would be inappropriate at this time for the Department of Justice to comment on the case. If you have any additional remarks or questions, you may wish to direct them to the Los Angeles County officials who are handling the proceedings.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

EAO 4/7/69

By:

ETHEL A. OLLIVIERRE
Attorney
Western Section

cc: Records
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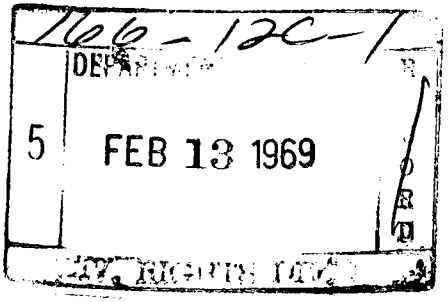
The Honorable Richard Nixon
President of United States
White House
Washington, D.C.

2/6/69

Dear MR. President — The enclosed clipping — is what keeps the public demand for such third parties like the Wallace's.

What is this Speacial type of justice — what is the Law in L.A. trying to prove or show?

Sincerely
Charley Glaze



$370,416 Spent On Sirhan Case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles County spent $370,416 on the Sirhan Bishara Sirhan case through Dec. 31, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said yesterday.

Testimony has yet to start in Sirhan's trial on charges of murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy last June.

The trial recessed Thursday until Tuesday so the defense can analyze questionnaires on which Superior Court judges say how nominees are chosen for grand jury service. The 12 jurors have been chosen but six alternates still must be selected.

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APR 8 1969

Mrs. Margaret H. Burgoyne
Box 62
Dorset, Vermont 05251

Dear Mrs. Burgoyne:

The Department of State has asked that we reply to your letter postmarked January 25, 1969, dealing with that part concerning Sirhan Sirhan. We apologize for our delay in responding.

Since the trial is currently in progress it would be inappropriate for this Department to comment on the case, Moreover since Los Angeles County officials are handling the proceedings, may we suggest that you contact them for any questions or comments on the subject.

EAO 4/7/69

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

ETHEL A. OLLIVIERRE
Attorney
Western Section

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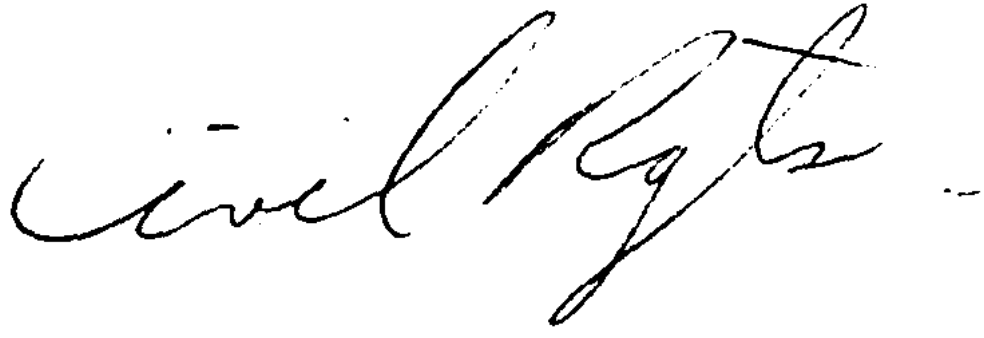

COPIES OF THIS ARE BEING SENT TO - THE STATE DEPARTMENT
SENATOR AIKEN
SENATOR PROUTY

In the first place I widh to go on record as being a completely sane person and a staunch Republican. I have held a job in New York for some years before retiring that paid me well in five figures, which is not paid in New York unless one is competent.

I wish toprotest the circus which is being held for the man who shot Robert Kennedy. It is a circus and a complete waste of the taxpayers money. How guilty do you have to be to be condemned? I would not serve on a jnury for this man if my life depended on it. He is guilty and should either be put to death or out of the country. Our justice department is ridiculous. Warren should be impeached and several of the other justices are senile.

If Commander Boucher is court martialed I think we should all hang our heads in shame. This man got no support from the Navy and put in a year of mental anguish with his crew in Korea. I only wish the stupid Admirals who are judging him could be put through the same thing. I will see to it, and don't under estimate my ability, that you will get a flood of protest if this thing is done. It is outrageous to put this man through what you are doing to him.

We are about to start a new Administration and I trust Richard Nixon will not be hangstring by a LOT OF stupid people. I think the man is sincere and means well. Let not play power politics, but play it straight and fair.

Yours very truly
Margaret H. Burgoyne

Margaret H. Burgoyne (Mrs. R.R.)
Box 62
Forset, Vt. 05251
Dorset, Vermont

P.S. To Senators Aiken & Prouty
Our method of selecting a jury in Vermont is outmoded. It should be selected from a radius of 10 miles and not forty to fifty miles and ask women of 65 to 80 to drive the mountain roads in winter weather. I for one, wont do it, and if I cannot be excused I will move out of the state of Vermont. A lot of other people feel the sale way and also feel Vermont is getting a little big for its boots taxwise.

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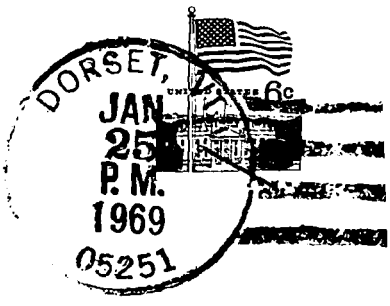

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APR 8 1969

Mr. John E. Flannery, Jr.
21 Vermont Avenue
White Plains, New York 10606

Dear Mr. Flannery:

President Nixon has referred to this Department your letter of February 6, 1969, concerning Sirhan Sirhan. We apologize for our delay in responding.

Since the trial is currently in progress, it would be inappropriate at this time for the Department of Justice to comment on the case. If you have any additional remarks or questions, you may wish to direct them to the Los Angeles County officials who are handling the proceedings.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

ETHEL A. OLLIVIERRE
Attorney
Western Section

cc: Records
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Corres. Unit

Mr. John F. Flannery, Jr.
21 Vermont Ave.
White Plains, New York
10606

February 6, 1969

Dear Mr. Nixon,

One of the biggest problems in this country is the apathy of the voter. One big reason for this is the loss of national pride. People are getting so frustrated in this growing but separating nation that they just dont give a damn!

I must say that I am very disapointed in the treatment of Cpt. Bucher. That man deserves credit for what he did. Where is the justice in our great democracy? Why do criminals like Sirhan Sirhan get away with the red carpet of sympathy when some people dont even get a trial? What kind of example are we setting to the world and the younger generation? Let's hear you come out and stand up for our rights. Get this country moving twards unity. Put pride and concern back in America.

I am a freshman engineer at Manhattan College. I will vote in this next presidential election. I want people to vote for you in the next election because you made us move ahead. I love America. Its up to you to keep me loving America.

Sincerely,

John Flannery, Jr

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APR 2 1969

Mr. David Carson Daniels
12942 Ray Drive
Warren, Michigan 48093

Dear Mr. Daniels:

President Nixon has referred to this Department your letter of February 5, 1969, concerning Sirhan Sirhan. We apologize for our delay in responding.

Since the trial is currently in progress, it would be inappropriate at this time for the Department of Justice to comment on the case. If you have any additional remarks or questions, you may wish to direct them to the Los Angeles County officials who are handling the proceedings.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

ETHEL A. OLLIVIERRE
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David Carson Daniels
12942 Ray Drive
Warren, Michigan 48093
February 5, 1969

The Honorable Richard Millhouse Nixon
The White House
Washington 25, D.C.

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CIV. RIGHTS DIV.

My dear Mr. President:

I am a senior now attending Warren Woods High School in Warren. I was recently reading the daily newspaper when I came across a piece about Sirhan Bishara Sirhan the assassinator of the late Robert Kennedy. This piece aroused me to write you this letter. I just cannot understand how a person who kills a man with forty some odd people standing in the same room and another large number of people watching on television still be going to court. I do understand that his lawyer has said he is guilty but now they are trying to decide whether or not he should be tried on first or second degree murder. If a person kills another he should not be tried for second degree murder and given fifty years and then be let out in ten years on good behavior to kill another he should be given the death sentence then you will be sure he won't kill another.

About six months ago a person was let out of Jackson State Prison after serving about five years out of a life imprisonment came to Detroit and murdered a police officer. This I do not think is right. Why should a man be able to kill a person

go to prison get out and kill again. Some people say our society is sick. I don't believe our society is sick it is our court system that is sick. I think they should all be reviewed and all of our judges be reviewed.

Mr. Nixon don't get me wrong I am very proud to be an American I am proud of being free to make my own choices , to live the way I want to, to eat and sleep where I want to not like other people who are governmental puppets, to do what the government wants them to do.

Mr. Nixon I would like to wish you the best of luck in the next four years and the best of health to you.

"Some men see things as they are,
and say why

"I dream things that never were,
and say why not"

Very truly yours,

David Carson Daniels

David Carson Daniels

Richard M. Nixon
The President
The White House
Washington, 25 D.C.

David C. Daniels
12942 Ray Drive
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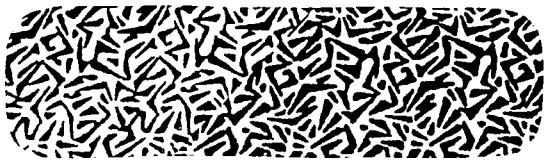

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FEB 14 1969

Mrs. Roy Scheer
Route 1
New Haven, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Scheer:

President Nixon has asked me to reply to your letter of January 26, 1969, with regard to Mr. Sirhan Sirhan.

I am sure that you can appreciate that it would be most inappropriate for an officer or an agency of the Federal Government to comment on a criminal case pending in a state court. You may be assured, however, that your views have been duly noted.

Sincerely,

WILL WILSON
Assistant Attorney General

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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REMARKS:

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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To: The Attorney General

Date: February 4, 1969

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_____ Undersigned's signature.

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Prompt action is essential.

If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

REMARKS:

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Description:

_X_ Letter: _____ Telegram: Other:

To: The President
From: Mrs. Roy Scheer, Route 1, New Haven, Missouri 63068
Date: 1/26/69 (pm 1/29)
Subject: Son served in Viet-Nam; urges leniency for Cmdr. Bucher and drastic action re: Sirhan Sirhan.

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By direction of the President:

assigned 2/7/69

John R. Brown III
Staff Assistant
to the President

ATTORNEY GENERAL CRIMINAL-GEN. CRIME SEC

CIV. RIGHTS DIV.

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By direction of the President:

JNB

John R. Brown III
Staff Assistant
to the President

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(Copy to remain with correspondence)

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Feb 26 1969
New Haven St, #
Miami 33068

Dear President Nixon:

As one of our former presidents said "Your Government is what makes your Country."

As I hear the news report the trial of Commander Buckey, I pray that the Lord may intervene and spare this faithful servant of our country, this torture.

While our young men burn their draft-cards, destroy schools, set fire to colleges, even burn the clothing on their backs, and many get by with it, this man who suffered more than his share for his country, has to stand trial.

"God forbid and forgive our Government" for such brutality to our fighting men and the neglect to punish those who

cause it.

Why are no more drastic actions taken against Sirhan Sirhan, who admits that he killed Robert Kennedy, when there are four lawyers offer free service to protect him from just punishment.

The "Hand of God" is lying heavy on our Country, and we shall reap what is sown.

"Your Government is what makes your Country"?

may God show mercy

Mrs Roy Acker.

P.S. Our son served his Country for four years in the Air-force, and narrowly lost his life in that first air-raid at Be-n-ho, when he was 18 yrs old. He is now attending college.

THE WHITE HOUSE

The Honorable
The Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

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FEB 3 1969

Mr. Richard S. Aubry
54 South Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90011

Dear Mr. Aubry:

The President has asked that we reply to your letter postmarked January 6, 1969.

You can understand that it is not possible for the President personally to answer all correspondence addressed to him. He wants you to know, however, that he appreciates your concern and your taking the time to write him about your views.

Sincerely,

D. ROBERT OWEN
Acting Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By: Ethel A. Ollivierre

ETHEL A. OLLIVIERRE
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Miss Jackie Kicos
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Dear Miss Kicos:

President Nixon has referred to this Department your letter of February 2, 1969, concerning Sirhan Sirhan. We apologize for our delay in responding.

Since the trial is currently in progress, it would be inappropriate at this time for the Department of Justice to comment on the case. If you have any additional remarks or questions, you may wish to direct them to the Los Angeles County officials who are handling the proceedings.

Sincerely,

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Comments re deaths of JFK + RFK -
trial of Cmdr. Bucher

1851 Tiffany Dr. NE
Warren, Ohio 44483
2 February 1969

The President
The White House
Washington25, DC

ATTENTION: Pres. Richard Nixon

My dear Mr. President:

For the past decade I find myself asking, "Is this Russia or is this the United States?" merely because I can't see justice being carried out in these United States. Instead, justice is..."what's in it for me"... that's the way it appears to me.

It all started, I believe, to the riots and demonstrations (which was supposed to be because of racialism) to the death of Pres. John F. Kennedy by a man who loved Russia. This man did not shoot J. F. Kennedy because of racialism or because J. F. Kennedy was for the poor class of people...because this man was from a poor class of people...so it don't make sense why this guy shot J. F. Kennedy. What did Russia give or offer this man for his love for Russia? If the American people were asked, "Do you believe Oswald shot Kennedy just because he was rich and Oswald poor?", I believe you will not find the American people so gullible...many assume there's more behind it and I am one who is disappointed in the United States Government for not finding out because we lost another good American leader, Robert F. Kennedy, who died the same way as his brother J.F.K by another guy who claims his love for Russia. Robert F. Kennedy was not even president...and this Surhan had no reason to shoot him. How can this Surhan afford the best criminal lawyer when he just worked at the race track? What did Russia ever offer or give Surhan for he too claimed his love for Russia? Will Surhan be let free to roam the United States when he hates it here...and those that love the United States their lives are being taken away? "What's going on in these United States?" I keep asking myself.

Another incident is those guys like Dr. Spoke and Dr. Coffin who has

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these guys burn up their draft cards. If Dr. Spoke and Dr. Coffin are permitted to do this, then why send our other boys to Viet Nam to be killed while these ores who burn up their draft cards are allowed to stay here in the United States to cause trouble. And, if a guy does try to serve the United States...what does he get if he is captured is "Court Martial" because the communists took his ship...what about these guys in Washington who permits the communists to come to this country to size us up just like they did the Pueblo before they took it over. They are more guilty in letting the communists come into our country to size us up...for we only have one country where a ship can be replaced by a better ship. And, if its only because of a ship ...where was the rest of the Americans who were suppose to defend us...out having tea parties for it was their fault for overlooking the fact how the communists works. By this I am talking about Commander Bucher. This write-up in Everybody's Say-So prompted me to write this letter. I have a pretty darn good idea how the communists works and by Commander Bucher's appearance on television I have a pretty darn good idea what he went through. Not only has he really been through it over there..."What the heck is the United States trying to do to him now...ARE THEY TRYING TO DRIVE HIM OUT OF HIS MIND...or what? "Why didn't they give him more ammunition?" I know how sneeky the communists works and I'm sure that these more educated men surely must know how more sneeky they work...and I believe it is an oversight on their part more than Commander Bucher. What were they offered or why is their negligence justified for their oversight of ammunition or lack of assistance?

All I can say is that you guys in Washington started out on the right foot by getting together and studying the cases before you, and only if you keep staying on the side of justice, will we ever get to be "United". And, this is the only means to prevent other assassirations for we do not want any more presidents to be assassinated regardless if they are Republicans or Democrats.

"God Bless You and Help You" to get us out of a mess.

Very truly yours,

Jackie Kicos
(A Democrat)

Everybody's Say-So

PLEASE NOTE

All letters to the Everybody's Say-So Column must be legibly written on one side of the paper — and are to include the name and address of the sender. The name, however, will not be used if the sender requests that it be omitted. No anonymous letters or any which contain libelous statements or observations on legal matters which are in litigation can be considered for publication. If a communication exceeds the length suitable for the column the editor reserves the right to edit though not to alter the subject matter as written. As previously stated —Everybody's Say-So is a public service in which the citizens may express their views on subjects of public and general interest.

Re The Pueblo

Editor Tribune:

Dear President Nixon:

I was completely shocked by the news last week that the investigation into the matters surrounding the capture and release of the crew of the Intelligence ship Pueblo could possibly end in the court martial of Cmdr. Bucher. Just a short time ago while all of America watched, Cmdr. Bucher and his men looking gaunt and some bearing visible wounds arrived home to the arms of their loved ones, hailed by the world as heroes.

Have we gone so low as a nation in our appeasement of the Communists that we refuse to protect and give aid and support to our service men so that we will not offend the enemy? Is there nowhere within the ranks of our leaders a sentiment like that of Theodore Roosevelt to "walk softly and carry a big stick"?

I truly believe that the Pueblo

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nt and sometimes there is no in at all, but a loss.

Q. — We are interested in adding to our retirement income. Most of our stocks pay well. We get 6 percent from Greyhound. Besides these common shares, we have E bonds. Should these be kept?

A. — If you are looking for more income, you can't afford to keep E bonds, which merely grow at the rate of 4¼ percent a year, but pay out nothing. If you have a substantial amount, the cashing of which would entail a heavy tax burden, redeem only 4¼ per cent of them every year (for example: $425 worth out of a $10,000 holding) and use that money as income. If the amount is small, switch the investment to utility bonds bringing in 7 per cent with checks coming to you every six months.

Greyhound stock has done well for you, marketwise. But if we're talking income, the dividend on the stock, presently selling for around $24, is $1 a share. So the yield on your money is about 4 per cent, not 6 per cent.

Q. — You recently told a young couple with $20,000 in savings and a mortgage of $18,500 on their home not to use the savings to wipe out the mortgage because they could pay off the mortgage with cheaper dollars. Perhaps dollars will become harder to earn. Many people lost property during the depression years.

A. — If I thought we were headed for deflation (for hard-to-earn dollars) I would ad-

Everybody's Say-So

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was captured and held as a result of the soft policy of Mr. McNamara and the Defense Department in their determination to appease and their willingness to sacrifice men in order not to disturb the Communists. In such an event there would be need for a scapegoat to cover all of the questions and explain away all of the humiliation we suffered as a nation because of this experience. This scapegoat's name is Cmdr. Bucher.

My great aunt, Mrs. Georgia B. Minter, was one of the early missionaries to China. She told us of the craftiness and cruelty and animal tendencies of an unregenerated Oriental mind. She was attacked by bandits several times and had not the hand of God intervened she would have been killed.

My aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dixon, were some of the first missionaries to the Islands of New Guinea, Borneo in particular. They were captured by the Japanese during World War II and were interned in a concentration camp for some three years. Their treatment was beyond imagination unless heard from ther lips. Their health after release was never again normal. Thus, Cmdr. Bucher's account of his torture and treatment seem very familiar to me. Could any of us have gone through it as well? Would we have been able to send young men to certain slaughter? Would we have tried to fight knowing we were completely surrounded?

Can we, Mr. President, as a democratic nation, pride ourselves on our democracy. "The Land of the Free, the Home of the Brave" and then strip a man of his honor, his dignity, and even his sanity in order to do a "cover up job" for those in authority who did not do their job? Will this be another Billy Mitchell case? Will a man be sentenced to die of a broken heart? I trust not, Mr. Nixon. — MRS. GEORGE W. BENSON.

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AIR MAIL

The President
The White House
Washington 25, D.C

ATTENTION: PRES. RICHARD NIXON

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Mr. M. A. Pate
4001 Venice Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90019

Dear Mr. Pate:

President Nixon has referred to this Department your letter of February 1, 1969, concerning Sirhan Sirhan. We apologize for our delay in responding.

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Sincerely,

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Feb. 1, 1969.

Dear Mr. President;

Could the Justice Dept. (?) Arrange a probated sentence for Sirhan, and have him paroled to his parents and make regular contacts with his parole officer?

If this could be done I think it might make for better relations with the Arab nations. And perhaps a meaningful and workable peace could be worked out between the Arab and Israelis.

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With best wishes for your family and our nation.

Sincerely, M.A. Pate.

4001 Venice Blvd, Los Angeles 90019.

M. A. Pate.

His mother's grandmother was Lucy Lincoln, a first cousin of Abraham Lincoln.

His father was Prof. W. F. Pate and W. F. Pate's grandmother was a direct descendant of the Ball family of Virginia and a close kin of Geo. Washington's mother.

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

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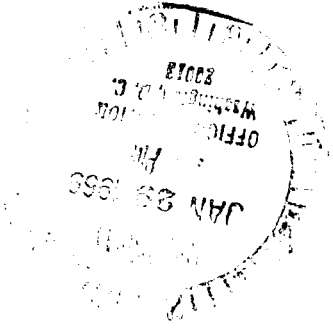
THE WHITE HOUSE,
WASHINGTON, D.C.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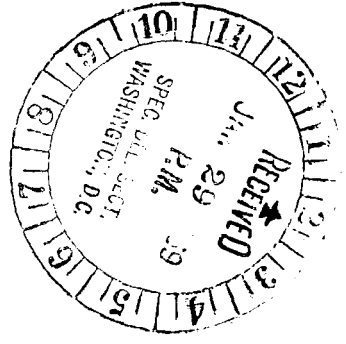
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Miss Janys Flake
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Starkville, Mississippi 39759

Dear Miss Flake:

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Route 2, Box 234
Starkville, Mississippi
February 1, 1969

President R. Nixon
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. President,

I know that you are a very busy man, as you have just been elected President, so I will come to the point. I wanted to ask you why Sirhan Sirhan's trial is taking so long? I know that every man is innocent until proven guilty and also that every man has the

right to a trial by jury. What I don't understand is ~~that~~ there are people who saw Sirhan shoot Senator Kennedy. Couldn't he be charged with first degree murder with ~~that~~ much evidence against him?

Thank you for your time and I hope I didn't bother you to much.

Sincerely yours,
Tanya Blake

P.S.

I think you will make a very good President.

Miss Tonya Blake
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Starkville, Mississippi 39759

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Miss Dorothy H. Hudac
4802 Burger Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44109

Dear Miss Hudac:

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Since the trial of Sirhan Sirhan is currently in progress it would be inappropriate for this Department to comment on the case at this time. If you feel it is appropriate you may wish to forward any additional remarks or questions to the Los Angeles County officials who are handling the proceedings.

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THE PLAIN DEALER, FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1969

Sirhan, Mother Will Tell of Economic Background

L.A. Times/Washington Post Service

LOS ANGELES — Sirhan Sirhan and his mother Mary are expected to be called to the witness stand Tuesday to testify about their difficulties in making ends meet as Arab immigrants.

The move is part of a defense bid to quash the first-degree murder indictment against Sirhan for the killing of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Chief defense counsel Grant B. Cooper has contended that the poor and the disadvantaged have been improperly kept from serving on Los Angeles County grand jures such as the one that lodged the murder charge against Sirhan last June.

THE SIRHANS' testimony would be limited to their economic background, he told reporters.

Superior Court Judge Herbert V. Walker yesterday dismissed the 12 petit jurors chosen to try the young Palestinian Arab until next Wednesday.

Dr. Robert E. Schultz, a professor of finance at the University of Southern California, testified for the defense Wednesday that the 1968 grand jury prospects were top-heavy with older citizens from gilt-edged neighborhoods.

SHOULD the murder indictment be quashed, the prosecution would have to start all over again. Long weeks spent in picking a trial jury would be washed out.

But no one expects this to happen, least of all the defense. The move is being made primarily to pile up points for an appeal if Sirhan should be convicted. Asked what he'd do if the indictment were tossed out, Cooper laughed and told reporters: "God forbid. I don't know."

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OR

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A CRIME!!!!!!

IF THERE IS, TOO BAD FOR ALL ØØ OF FUTURE POLITICAL FIGURES AND CANDIDATES????

Don'T WE HAVE ENOUGH OF CRIME in this world?????

SINCE WHEN IS POVERTY AN EXCUSE OR REASON for Crime? There are many poor and poverty-striken people in this world and what would happen if all such people would be guilty and excused of a crime ....such as that which was committed by
Sirhan Sirhan.

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All immigrants that come to this country had a har
had a hard time to get started. This is life. Nothing worth-while comes to us the easy way. People get satisfaction out of self-achievement by the hard work. You can go back decades and decades and you will find all pioneers in this country and all immigrants had to start from scratch and get their beginning of their careers from the very bottom. The opportunity to higher goals in life is here in the U.S.A., but you must work for it.

My ancestors and my parents like many others, came to this country poor and penniless, but with faith and hard work, they raised a family of eight. It was rough and tough, but it was worth it...just living in a great country, such as the U.S. A. If Sirhan gets away without proper and due punishment, it will be too bad for all future political candidates and leaders of our great country, the U.S.A. Letting Sirhan get off the easy way will only encourage other crack-pots to do same as Sirhan. We will never be able to get good Americans to run for public office..... and this is just what the Communists want....to demolish and destroy the democracy in our Country.

FURTHERMORE, THE FIRHAN FAMILY COULDN'T BE AS POOR AS THEY CLAIM, BECAUSE WHERE DOES HIS FATHER GET ALL THE MONEY TO TRAVEL BACK AND FORTH TO ARABIA AND BACK TO THIS COUNTRY OVER AND OVER.....TRAVEL COSTS MONEY....OR ARE THE COMMUNISTS PICKING UP THE TAB?????????????

Dorothy H Hudac

President Richard Nixon
President, United States of America
Washington D.C. 20510

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Captain Virginia M. DeBruin
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East Hampton, New York 11937

Dear Captain DeBruin:

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Attorney
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JAN 31

Dear President
Nixon
Regarding
the assassination
of Robert Kennedy
some of us
doubt that
Sirhan B
Sirhan fired
the shot that
killed Senator
Robert Kennedy

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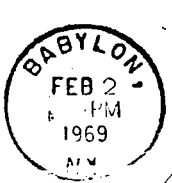
I saw Robert Kennedy fall on TV and it looked like Sirhan was gentle and kind I think he showed more Justice, Rep Block Captain in Virginia DeBruin



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Nixon
White House
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President Nixon,

Fifty years ago, in the theater a man on the stage would announce, QUOTE " If a man COMMITS a crime to day, 10 TO 1 he'd not be arrested. If he was arrested 10 to 1 he'd not be indicted, If he was indicted 10 TO 1 hed not be brot to trial, If he was brot to trial 10 TO 1 he'd not be convicted, If he was convicted 10 TO 1 he not have to serve time in jail, If he did serve time 10 TO 1 it wouldnt be for long. ITS TRUE TODAY.

Now you can see why crime is flaring so well, I see the BRINKS robbers are released, or soon will be they only got 1¼ million, its hard to keep a million dollars in jail.

Have the courts decided she shape of the table where Sirhan eats, maybe they'd do that little — There's a ¼ million being spent on that trial Jack Ruby could save the taxpayers much money if he were there. I wish he were.

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CRIMINAL GEN. CRIME SEC.

After Pres. John F. K. was assassinated FILE IN RE to Washington D.C. to have a law in advance - saying any one shooting an official of our Govt. or a parade or diplomat - he'd "know" his fate in advance.

SHOT AT SUNRISE

The lawyers couldnt make a mockery of justice, than

On the theater the man would say, quote - if a man steals a loaf of bread he'd get 10 days in jail, if he'd steal a million $ he'd get 10 lawyers and a banquet.

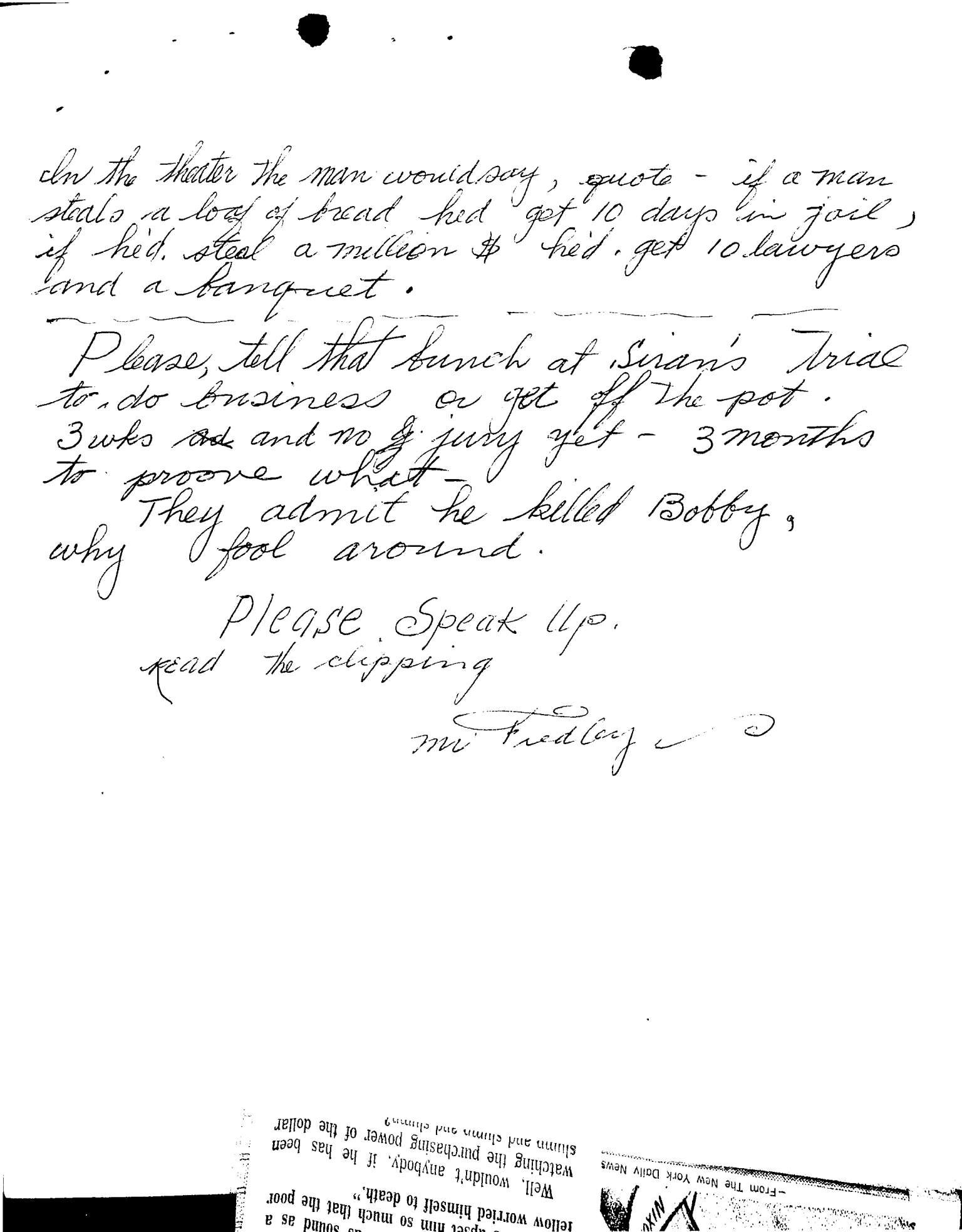
Please, tell that bunch at Sirhan's Trial to do business or get off the pot. 3 wks ~~old~~ and no jury yet - 3 months to proove what -

They admit he killed Bobby, why fool around.

Please Speak Up.

read the clipping

mr Fred Cay



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Sirhan Trial Pace Typical Of U. S. Justice

By RICHARD STARNES
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES — The murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was not a typical crime in the epidemic of wrongdoing that is lacerating the nation, and his admitted killer is not a run-of-the-mill hoodlum.

But the glacial pace of the trial of Sirhan B. Sirhan is wholly characteristic of the p l o d d i n g deliberation with which criminal justice is dispensed in the U. S.

Grant B. Cooper, the soft-spoken, courtly — and, oh, so cagey — chief defense counsel for the accused assassin, has conceded in open court that his moody, whey-faced client fired the shot that took the life of Bobby Kennedy last June 5.

But despite that the trial of Sirhan promises to last at least another three months.

Sirhan was arraigned and pled not guilty last Aug. 2. Trial was set for Nov. 1 and was postponed twice. It started in the heavily guarded Superior Court of Judge Herbert V. Walker Jan. 7.

Three weeks later the jury has not been finally selected, and to all intents and purposes the trial has not even started.

Today, as the lead-footed proceedings resume after a four-day recess, there were still two time-consuming preliminaries impeding the actual trial.

Although eight men and four women have tentatively been seated as jurors, six alternates remain to be selected. Since neither prosecution nor defense has exhausted his peremptory challenges choosing the six alternates could drag on for the rest of the week.

There is also one more motion to be argued. Mr. Cooper and his two assistants today will seek dismissal of Sirhan's indictment on the ground that the grand jury that returned it did not represent a fair cross section of the community.

Substantially the same argument was used in an earlier motion to dismiss the petit jury panel, and was rejected by Judge Walker. (It was renewed the next day, and was again rejected, but not until the 69-year-old trial judge had patiently listened to additional arguments from Mr. Cooper.)

Mr. Cooper said he would subpena more than 100 Los Angeles County judges to support his plea to quash the indictment — a plea observers felt was a doomed ploy intended only to lay the groundwork for an appeal if Sirhan is convicted.

While California's f a r - o u t murder trial procedure is undoubtedly contributing to the delay in Sirhan's trial, delay for delay's sake is a time-honored weapon in the U. S. trial attorney's armory.

In California trials that result in a verdict of first-degree murder, the trial jury must then listen to additional evidence in mitigation or in aggravation of sentence and then must decide between life imprisonment or death in the gas chamber.

The "penalty" verdict must be unanimous, just as the guilty-not guilty verdict must be. This doubles the possibility of a hung jury and of a mistrial, and it led to this exchange between Mr. Cooper and a reporter during a courthouse corridor interview:

What happens, Mr. Cooper was asked, if the jury agrees on a first-degree guilty verdict but can't agree when it later must decide on penalty?

"It means," Mr. Cooper replied cheerfully, "that a whole new jury must be selected to fix the penalty. And since the new jury has not heard any of the e v i d e n c e, practically everything can be reintroduced — not just evidence in mitigation or aggravation."

California, however, has no monopoly on endless criminal trials. At the beginning of the current fiscal year there were 14,763 criminal cases pending in Federal district courts, of which nearly 2000 had been hanging fire for more than two years, 2055 had been in litigation more than a year and 2408 had been pending more than six months.

U. S. Grant Helps Pay For CMU Building

Press Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The U. S. Office of Education has approved a grant of $730,122 to help build a new fine arts University, it notified Rep. William S. Moorhead today.

The estimated total cost of the building is $9,596,000.

President Nixon
White House
Washington
D.C.

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MAR 5 1969

Miss Diane Wolkstein
49 Greenwich Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Miss Wolkstein:

President Nixon has asked that we reply to your letter of January 25, 1969. Please excuse our delay in responding.

You can understand that it is not possible for the President personally to answer all correspondence addressed to him. He wants you to know, however, that he appreciates your taking the time to write him about your views which have been noted.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD
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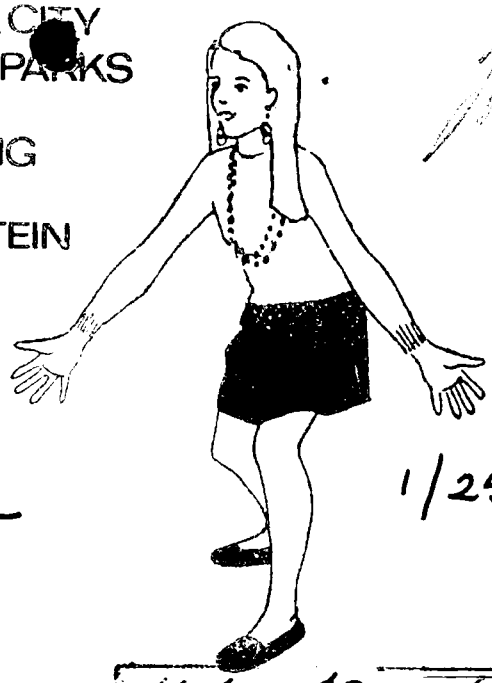

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Dear President Nixon,

My best wishes to you as our New President.

I am writing to you specifically in regard to the present trial of Sirhan Sirhan.

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5 JAN 30 1969
R.A.O.

Just this morning I sat listening to Sandberg's own rendition of "Frankie + Johnnie." I had forgotten how it went. Then Frankie said "Oh warden, what will it be for me?" "The electric chair, dear Frankie, for you killed in second degree." And so it is a legend - an American legend built because of passion + responsibility.

If Sirhan is freed or not committed to death. I think it will be a serious blow to the legend the culture the stuff of what our people are made. Bobby Kennedy was more than a man - as the youth all feel it - but he was also a symbol of a man - and if his murderer is not condemned to death - no man is free.

The very Thought that governs the present legal system a murderer will not be faced with murder - makes me sick and sad: for what is life then? At least the living must proclaim life. (What do we prepare our children for? - how do we explain that Sirhan still lives?)

I hope you as President will seek to secure our past heritage and do all to honor RFK and all men.

Sincerely, and with best wishes,

Diane Wolkstein

MONDAY, JULY 15, 1968

The New York Times

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The New York Times (by Meyer Liebowitz)

South Korean seamen lying about the deck of the Indonesian Star. The freighter has been held here since Feb. 26.

Stranded Korean Sailors Yearn for Home

By JOSEPH NOVITSKI

After being marooned almost five months in New York Harbor, they are unpaid, sometimes hungry, often unhappy and homesick, but still proud of their care for the ship on which they are trapped.

The men, Capt. Hongjo Yoon, master of the freighter Indonesian Star, and 26 other South Koreans in the ship's crew, have been stuck here since last Feb. 26 because creditors of the ship's owners will not let the Indonesian Star sail.

The crewmen have increasingly little to do, little to eat, and very little money to spend while the legal battle continues.

The owners have reduced the subsistence allowance for each man's full needs to $1.50 a day, forcing the Korean sailors to do without a midday meal. With no money, a trip ashore is not attractive, yet there is little for the seamen to do aboard.

The gray-hulled freighter, built in Texas in 1944, lies at anchor in the Narrows, silent except for the deep tremor of the generators. There are regular four-hour watches only for the 12 men in the engine room and radio shack. The rest of the crew members are free to do as they please.

Their only duty is to keep the ship clean and in good condition. Their only hope is that a court decision will free the ship.

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came to New York around the Cape of Good Hope.

One hundred and fifty tons of mahogany planking are still neatly lashed in piles on the deck under canvas covers. Some of the rubber was unloaded in March at the Bush Terminal, but 650 tons are still in her hold.

Standing on the canvas-covered after hatch, Chu Sang Kyun, the 22-year-old cabin boy making his first voyage, discussed the crew's plight.

Mr. Chu, a dark-haired, spirited man with a quick grin, said he was homesick for Korea and unhappy about the food situation on the ship.

"Every day there is no lunch," he said.

He keeps busier than some of the other men on the ship by helping the cook, Nam Jyong Pong, prepare the two meals a day that are served.

Sausage Broth Is Main

Rice, a watery broth of fat sausages and dehydrated fish were the only dishes in preparation for the midday

Although the Indonesian Star is [illegible]

On Sundays, all the crew members who can leave the ship (a watch must be kept) attend services, translated by Mr. Awe, at the Highland Avenue Baptist Church in Jamaica, Queens.

A diesel-powered water taxi, the Coordinator, which operates from the foot of 69th Street ferry slip in Brooklyn, is both a creditor of the ship and the crew's lifeline to shore, and Nicholas T. Bonamo, the Coordinator's skipper, knows it.

At $4.50 for each round trip, the Indonesian Star's launch bill has reached about $2,100, Mr. Bonamo said.

"But we wouldn't cancel launch service. They and I would be like keeping those guys in prison [illegible]

Audience Also Has Role in Racism Play

By THOMAS A. JOHNSON

When the plantation overseer on the stage struck a female slave, her husband hurried to her defense but was at once frightened away by a threat from the overseer.

"Kill him," a youthful voice yelled from the darkened theater audience. "Be a man, dammit! Be a man!"

But he had yelled too soon.

For, while the audience at the play "The Believers" is encouraged to tell the actors how it feels about the performance, the audience participation is not supposed to come until after the curtain comes down on the last act.

At that time the lights are turned up in the Cherry Lane Theater in Greenwich Village, and the all-Negro cast engages in a free-flowing dialogue with members of the audience on the black, and the white, experience in America.

An actor, Jesse DeVore, said the sessions were "almost a microcosm of America today."

'Dialogue' Every Night

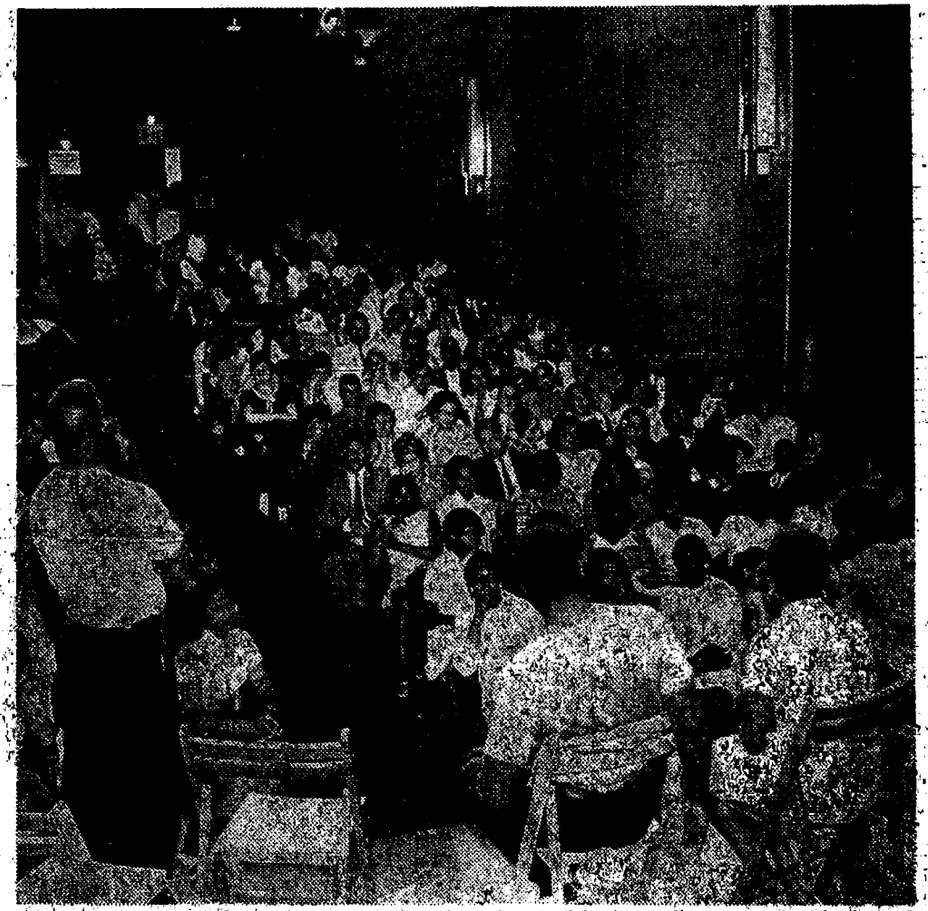
He said requests for the discussions from the audience had made "dialogue night" an almost nightly occurrence for the past few weeks.

The play, which opened on May 9 at the theater at 38 Commerce Street, is described as "the black experience in song" and traces Negro history from Africa to the present day.

"What do you feel we are trying to say?" a member of the cast, Sylvia Jackson, asked after a recent performance of the play.

"You're saying, be black and be beautiful," a Negro girl called out. "Dig it—black and beautiful."

She was a part of a group of high school students from the Newark area, who had come to the theater in two buses. About half of the people in the audience were adults, however. The audience also was about half white and half Negro.



Cast members of "The Believers" exchanging views with the audience on the black, and white, experience in America. The scene is the Cherry Lane Theater in Greenwich Village.

'Burned Themselves Out'

"But what about riots?" a white youth asked, referring to a scene in the play that touched on modern-day violence.

"Riots are no good," a Negro supermarket manager from Detroit said. "Sure they took things from the white man but they also burned themselves out. Education is the only real tool."

It did not end there.

"The riots showed only that the black man is tired of being oppressed," said Miss Ubie Bell, a Human Resources Administration employe. "They showed that it's time to get ourselves together to do whatever we have to do."

Mrs. Bette Brooks, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., called out from the last row of the small theater, "And when you get that education, just where can you go to work if you're black?"

"In the kitchen!" a student shouted.

Mrs. Brooks continued: "If a man knocks you down and you don't do anything about it—"

"He'll never respect you!" a voice called out.

"He'll knock you down again," Mrs. Brooks said.

"And step all over you!" the voice interrupted again.

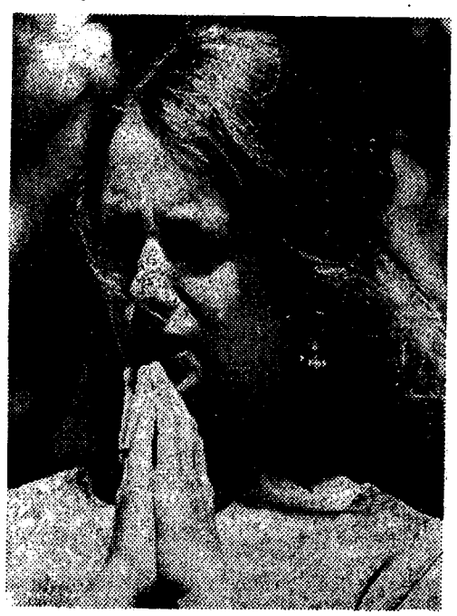
'Abused and Refused'

Then a teen-aged Negro girl called for order so that the main problem with their parents was "abused, refused, disabused and misused." This caused so much laughter that no one [illegible] anything else she said.

Hans Christian Andersen Would Have Approved

"Once there was a big elephant who lived at the end of a curling road.

"The butterfly asked: 'Do you love me a little?' The elephant said 'No.'



"'I don't love you a little,' the elephant said. 'I love you a LOT.'

"He ... Then one day a butterfly ...

"Then they walked ...

... "Or ... ever visit me before," the butterfly ... elephant. "But ...

The New York Times (by Michael Evans)

Diane Wolkstein, New York City's official storyteller, delights both children and adults at her Saturday morning story sessions in front of the Hans Christian Andersen statue near the boat pond in Central Park.

By JUDY KLEMESRUD

SHE competes with ice cream venders, booming jet planes, and skippers sailing their crafts in the Central Park boat pond. But distractions or no, Diane Wolkstein is still the park's undisputed Saturday star—and her reviews are mostly raves.

Miss Wolkstein, ash blonde, freckle-faced and 25 years old, is the official storyteller of the City of New York.

Each summer Saturday at 11 A.M. she appears at the Hans Christian Andersen statue just west of the boat pond (near Fifth Avenue and 72d Street) and tells stories to an enthralled audience for 45 minutes.

She tells them as they have probably never been told before. She moans and groans and laughs and cries and grimaces and gestures and shouts and whispers and jumps and squats—and "me-ows" so well that you look around for a real kitten.

Encourages Involvement

But her forte is weaving in and out among the tiny chairs and touching the children and encouraging their involvement in the stories. One child recently became so involved in a story about an elephant and a butterfly that he toppled off his chair and ran crying to his nanny, who was sitting on a bench on the sidelines wishing she could spin a tale like that.

"The only way to tell stories out of doors is to walk into the kids," Miss Wolkstein said recently after a Saturday session for 100 children. "When you touch them physically you bring them in. Otherwise the constant noise and distractions make it impossible for them to concentrate."

She paused for a second, tugged on one of the dangly earrings she always wears because the children like them, and added:

"Last year a whole session was disrupted when a kid came up pushing a toy lawn mower. You wouldn't believe the noise!"

She Had the Idea

Miss Wolkstein is a year-round employe of the Administration of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, which pays her $90 a week "after taxes." She became the city's first full-time professional raconteur—an idea she suggested herself—following an audition last summer in Central Park.

During the week she tells stories in schools, libraries, parks, community centers and children's hospital wards all the way from Harlem to the Lower East Side, and in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn.

"It's funny the difference between the white kids in Central Park and the Negro kids in the ghettos," she said. "The Negro kids are much more responsive to the stories, and they read your face better. They have more savvy."

Away from her audience, Miss Wolkstein is shy, intense and vulnerable, and she worries constantly about her performances. She gets up around 8 A.M. on Saturdays, gulps coffee to calm her nerves, and then practices about eight stories in front of a mirror in her Greenwich Village apartment. She never knows which ones she will tell until she arrives at the statue and sees the age group she has drawn that day.

She Knows 100 Stories

Her repertory includes 75 stories she has memorized and 25 more she can tell after glancing at a text. She learns word-for-word stories by authors such as Carl Sandburg and E. E. Cummings because "they're so perfect the way they are." Well-known tales such as "Hansel and Gretel" change with every telling, depending on the audience and Miss Wolkstein's mood.

"I don't tell ghost stories or any that scare just for scare's sake," she said. "But you can tell a story where there is *some* violence, as long as it has the redeeming factor of going someplace. Like 'Jack and the Beanstalk.'"

The modern-day Scheherazade also likes folk tales from other countries, which she tells on her weekly radio program, "Stories From Many Lands." It is broadcast over WNYC radio every Saturday morning from 8 to 8:30.

Studied in Paris

Miss Wolkstein was born in South Orange, N. J. She majored in drama at Smith College, holds a master's degree in education from the Bank Street College of Education, and studied pantomime for a year in Paris with Etienne Decroux, who taught Marcel Marceau.

The future? "I don't want to be an actress—it's all too phony," she said. "All I want to do is tell stories. Maybe someone will hire me to tell stories all over the world."

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